

# GLOBAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

Programme 17 - 18 September 2023



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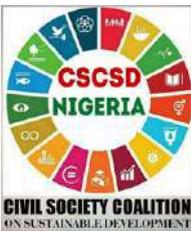
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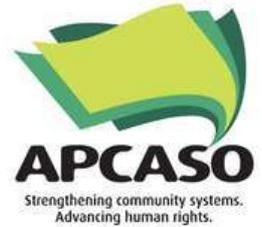
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- Action for Sustainable Development
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- Amnesty International
- APCASO
- Asia Dalit Rights Forum
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- CSCSD Nigeria
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SDG LENS  
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in Eastern Europe & South Caucasus



Women's Major Group



# Overview

Time	Session
<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	
9.00 - 10.15	<u>Opening Plenary</u>
10.00 - 11.30	<u>Building Inclusive, Greener, Fair Futures: Voices of Children for SDGs (time TBC)</u>
10.15 - 11.00	<u>Work on the declaration</u>
11.15 - 12.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Social Justice: Social Protection and Health, People's Vaccine</u></li><li>• <u>Shrinking Civic space and Human Rights</u></li><li>• <u>Indigenous Peoples meeting</u></li><li>• <u>Which financial architecture for economic justice?</u></li></ul>
13.30 - 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Achieving the SDGs through Intergenerational Collaboration</u></li><li>• <u>Linkages of pushback, linkages of resistance: gender, climate, migration &amp; democracy</u></li><li>• <u>Inequalities and Leave No One Behind</u></li></ul>
15.00	<u>Climate March</u>

# Overview

Time	Session
<b>Monday 18 September</b>	
7.00 - 9.00	<u>3rd SDG 16 Plus Forum Asia</u>
9.00 - 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Planetary Crisis, Climate Change, Biodiversity loss and Chemical and waste pollution</u></li><li>• <u>Peace and Conflicts</u></li><li>• <u>Feminist Economy</u></li></ul>
11.00 - 12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Global Democracy and the UN</u></li><li>• <u>Climate Financing</u></li><li>• <u>Youth Assembly</u></li></ul>
13.00 - 14.00	<u>Finalise the Declaration</u>
14.00 -17.00	<u>Civil Society Networking Session</u>
17.00 - 18.30	<u>Final Plenary</u>
18.30	<u>Public Action</u>

# ABOUT THE GLOBAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The Global People's Assembly 2023 will take place in a hybrid format, both online and in person from 17-18 September at the UN Church Center in New York. In this programme you will find event descriptions for everything happening over the two days including room locations. If you are joining us online we will send the zoom links in the coming weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE we have three sessions running at the same time in a lot of cases.**

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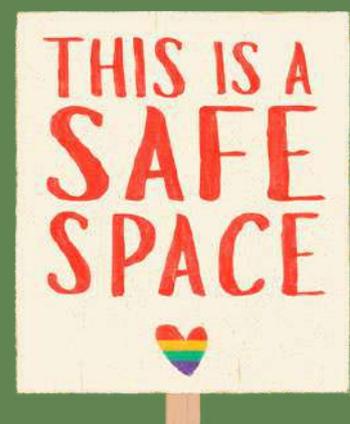


To make the Global People's Assembly as inclusive as possible, we have made these Zoom calls open to all. However, in order to foster a digital safe space we kindly ask the following:

Please be respectful of others when they are speaking and allow everyone to speak their truth.

Please remember to keep your mic muted and your camera off unless you have raised your hand and are called upon to speak. This will help to minimise any background noise.

We have independent moderators at each session who will be ensuring that the Global People's Assembly runs smoothly and remains respectful and safe for all. If you experience any technical difficulties during a session, please message the moderators by using the chat function.



Translation into French and Spanish has been arranged for most sessions, so please check under each event to see if there will be translation.

If you are attending in person and want translation, you must bring your phone and earphones and dial into zoom.



## Time Zones

The times in this programme are shown in UTC and EDT. To check what time the event will take place in your country, [you can click here to use this time zone tool.](#)



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- Set the UTC or EDT time to the time of the event you want to attend
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- The converter will show you the time of the event you want to attend in your local time



Sunday

17 September

2023

09.00 - 10.00

## Opening Plenary

2nd Floor Plaza Room  
[Click here for zoom link](#)

### Translation into French and Spanish

Beginning the Global People's Assembly in the opening plenary we will have speakers representing the diversity of civil society and live music performances. Additionally we will have representatives from the Regional Assemblies coming together to voice their joint work and recommendations.

Featuring:

- Paul Divakar
- Jane Anyango
- Amitabh Behar, Oxfam International
- Mads Flarup Christensen, Greenpeace International
- Maria Fernandes Espinosa, C4UN
- Deputy Prime Minister Ireland
- Ulrika Mod er, UN Assistant Secretary-General
- [Performances from Create 2030 Artists](#) and the [Edward Said National Conservatory of Music](#)

09.00 - 10.30

## Building Inclusive, Greener, Fair Futures: Voices of Children for SDGs

### Online Session

Organisers:  
Save the Children

Welcome to a dynamic virtual gathering where children, including those who are participating in National People's Assemblies worldwide, come together to discuss pressing issues and craft a united message for world leaders to act for positive change. This interactive session aims to create a safe, inclusive and meaningful space for children to share their insights, learn from each other, bridge perspectives, and create impactful messages that resonate across the globe for the SDGs.

**10.15 - 11.00**



## **Work on Declaration**

**2nd Floor Plaza Room**

**[Click here for zoom link](#)**

**Translation into French and Spanish**

The co-organisers have been drafting a declaration of civil societies demands to the UN General Assembly. In this session we will work together to develop the declaration and inputs from participants.

**11.15 - 12.45**



## **Social Justice: Social Protection and Health, People's Vaccine**

**11th Floor Hardin Room**

**[Click here for zoom link](#)**

**Translation into French and Spanish**

**Organisers:**

The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors,  
Africa Japan Forum, the People's Vaccine, GCAP  
Africa and GCAP Asia

The objective of the session will be to articulate the key barriers and solutions to universal health coverage, social protection and achieving social justice for all with key asks to be included in the Declaration and to form the basis of a campaign plan.

Video messages from all partners will be presented to be followed by short inputs from partners in the room and an interactive discussion with those on line, with the results to be included in the declaration and form the basis for joint campaigning.

# Shrinking Civic space and Human Rights

2nd Floor Plaza Room  
[Click here for zoom link](#)  
Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

GCIVICUS, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, SAHRiNGON, AwazCDS/ Pakistan Development Alliance, Elizka Relief Foundation, TAP Network, Lithuanian NGDO Platform, CPDE, The Millennials Movement

On the occasion of the SDG Summit and during the Global People's Assembly it is important to take stock of the conditions civil society is confronting around the world. During the session on Civic Space and Human Rights we will reflect on recent trends on civic space and what they mean for the Agenda 2030 and the achievement of the SDGs. The session will be informed by global analysis and country level experiences, with a view to generating forward-looking ideas and messages for the Global People's Assembly to consider in its advocacies to the SDG Summit and beyond.

# Indigenous Peoples meeting

8th Floor Boss Room  
[Click here for zoom link](#)

Organisers:

Indigenous Peoples Major Group

This meeting aims to consolidate the challenges faced by and recommendations/demands of Indigenous Peoples in relation to sustainable development. The meeting will also highlight initiatives of Indigenous Peoples in advancing sustainable development.



# Which financial architecture for economic justice?

10th Floor Conference Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers: Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD)

Mechanism

with the support and co-facilitation of: AFRODAD, APMDD, EURODAD, FTC, GATJ, GPF, IBON International, LATINDADD, SID, TJN-A

The reform of the International Financial Architecture (IFA) has been at the core of contemporary policy debates and features as one of the most contentious issues in intergovernmental negotiations. Support for fundamental change comes from the vast majority of UN Member States from the Global South, with special emphasis on systemic reforms to democratise economic governance and shift decision-making away from the power grip of developed countries and the institutions they command. However, a small number of economically powerful member states continue to undermine, if not obstruct, reform processes under the umbrella of the UN.

In this session, we want to shed light on the power dynamics in relevant IFA reform processes taking part in- and outside the UN. On tax architecture reform, the Global South, under the leadership of the Africa Group, is seeking to re-affirm the UN norm-setting role in tax policymaking against the capture of the OECD, following the adoption of UNGA Resolution 77/244 last year. On debt architecture reform, there are similar attempts to re-launch/re-establish UN-centred processes against a very crowded field where rich country-controlled institutions, such as G20 and IMF, tend to call the shots. On the international public finance architecture, there is the issue of scaling up international public financing to advance the developmental agenda to meet SDGs and climate imperatives. This which possibly requires the implementation of ODA commitments to fulfil and exceed the 0.7% target in the form of unconditional grants as well as delivering more than USD 6.5 trillion in ODA debt that Global North countries have failed to deliver between 1970 and 2021. In addition, intergovernmental agreements are needed to ensure a better and more efficient use of the multilateral development banking system, away from the current promotion of a private-finance first approach to development.

The session's objective is to briefly present the current state of affairs, but mainly to expose and discuss civil society engagement strategies in relevant UN spaces, the key upcoming meetings being the immediate SDG Summit and the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, and, most importantly, the process leading to the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4).

13.30 - 15.00

# Achieving the SDGs through Intergenerational Collaboration

10th Floor Conference Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

Gray Panthers, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, SAHRiNGON, World Vision, MY World Mexico, The Millennials Movement

Video from key note speaker Paul Nathanson, Gray Panthers

Speakers presenting on examples of intergenerational collaboration in their communities in achieving the SDGs and what else can be done

- Moderator: Moderator: Jack Kupferman, GRAY PANTHERS
- Young leader from World Vision (representative of Together 2030)
- Rosario Garavito, Millennials Movement
- Frank Soteri, SAHRiNGON
- Lani Anaya, My World Mexico
- Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales (TBC)

Followed by a Q and A led by Sylvia Beales, Gray Panthers

Interactive Audience Session and input to the declaration led by Rosario Garavito, Millennials Movement

Guiding questions:

- Why is intergenerational collaboration important for the successful implementation of the SDGs?
- How do we work together going forward?



# Linkages of pushback, linkages of resistance: gender, climate, migration & democracy

2nd Floor Plaza Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

Women's Major Group

The session seeks to explore the intricate interconnections between four critical dimensions of global societal dynamics: gender, climate change, migration, and democracy. In recent years, these domains have emerged as key focal points in academic, policy, and advocacy discourses, reflecting their profound impact on the lives of individuals and communities worldwide. Despite their apparent differences, there exists a noteworthy intersection between these movements, characterized by shared narratives, tactics, and implications. The complex interplay among these dimensions has given rise to a range of challenges and opportunities that warrant in-depth examination.

We aim to explore the intricate connections between antigender, climate denialist, and antidemocracy organizing, shedding light on how these seemingly distinct movements often intersect and reinforce one another, including in the lives of women, girls and gender diverse people on the ground - such as the conditions of rural women in the nexus of all these issues. Recognizing these linkages is crucial for understanding the broader social, political, and cultural forces that shape contemporary society.

The session will further work to enhance the linkages of resistance, by hearing from groups that work on specific opposition forces, as well as on the interconnections of these issues, and will look into how our movements can work together and link to each other for stronger resistance to these growing reactionary forces.

# Inequalities and Leave No One Behind

11th Floor Hardin Room  
[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers: GFOD

Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, TAP  
Network, Lithuanian NGDO Platform, Civil Society Advance  
Forum on Sustainable Development (CAS2030)Nigeria

This session will highlight the experiences of communities discriminated  
by work and descent and those left behind in the current 2030 agenda.

15.00



## Climate March

We will join the Climate March - End fossil fuels - which will close with a  
rally at 1st Ave and 50th Street, near UN headquarters

# Monday 18 September

# 2023



07.00 - 9.00

## 3rd SDG 16 Plus Forum Asia

[This session is entirely online, click here to register](#)

Organisers:

ADA, Forus, Janic, TAP, GCAP, ADN, APSD

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015, progress towards SDG16+ has been slow and uneven – and in many cases backsliding. On top of this, global trends and forces continue to work against peaceful, just and inclusive societies, with political will from governments fading and exclusion on the rise. This second SDG16+ Forum represents an opportunity for CSOs to come together to identify areas where amplified actions are needed on SDG16+.

In this context, the [2022 editions of the SDG 16+ Forum Asia](#) and the [Rome Civil Society Declaration](#) on SDG16+ 2023 will be reviewed in terms of our commitment and relevance to the changing context to advocate for deeper implementation and accountability of SDG16+ from the governments and inter-governmental organizations as well as civil society.

2023 is a turning point in the 15 year journey of the 2030 Agenda (2016-2030) and CSOs are challenged to mobilise to revitalize the momentum to accelerate the effective implementation of the SDGs to tackle the ongoing, even worsening global crisis such as inequality, climate, food and energy crisis. The outcome document of the 3rd SDG 16+ Asia Forum will be formulated based on the deliberations during the Forum and will be used as our common guide for collective actions for 2023 and 24, specially the SDGs Summit in 2023, summits of the Summit of the Future in 2024 , and review of SDG 1 (no poverty), SDG 2 (zero hunger), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals) (SDG 16+) in 2024.

9.00 - 11.00

## Planetary Crisis, Climate Change, Biodiversity loss and Chemical and waste pollution

2nd Floor Plaza Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

SAHRiNGON, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, IP MG,  
GCAP LAC, A4SD, The Millennials Movement,

Reaccion Climatica

This session will show the extent of the climate/planetary crisis, its impacts on people as well as highlighting false solutions.

- Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria, HOME Foundation)
- Carmen Capriles (Bolivia, Reaccion Climatica)
- Robbie Halip (IPMG)

## Peace and Conflicts

10th Floor Conference Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, Civil Society Platform  
for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, Alliance for Peacebuilding TAP  
Network, Lithuanian NGDO Platform, MY World Mexico

This session on Peace and Conflicts will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss key challenges facing the international community around peace and security, and will explore important opportunities for engagement and influence in follow-up from the SDG Summit. Issue experts from the global and national levels will provide a primer on a wide range of advocacy and programmatic work for civil society to collectively build upon, and provide a space for learning and dialogue. The session will also provide a space for sharing of ideas around individual and collective mobilization and actions for the “Global Day of Action for SDG16+” scheduled for the International Day of Peace (September 21st).



# Feminist Economy

11th Floor Harding Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

Women's Major Group and Civil Society FfD

Mechanism

The concept of a "Feminist Economy" emerges from the intersection of economics and feminist theory, challenging traditional economic paradigms that often overlook or undervalue the contributions and experiences of women and other marginalized groups. Rooted in the belief that economic systems should prioritize gender equality, social justice, and inclusive growth, feminist economics seek to reshape the way economies are structured, policies are formulated, and resources are distributed.

The objective of the session is to foster a deep understanding of the key principles and transformative potential of a feminist economic framework. Participants will engage in insightful discussions, critical analyses, and knowledge-sharing to: analyze structural inequalities, highlight case studies, and envision future pathways. This will also include linkages to the SDG Mobilization session organized by the WMG, with the support of allies on the need for a gender transformative reform of the international financial architecture. By the end of the session, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of how a feminist economy challenges existing economic paradigms and offers a transformative vision for societies that prioritizes gender equality, social justice, and the well-being of all.

The event will follow the format of a fishbowl conversation. The identified speakers will be sitting in a circle, with the other participants listening in on the periphery. The conversation will be initiated by the moderator with some guiding questions, to which the participants reply as they feel the urge to. In the last 45 minutes of the session, the fishbowl will become more flexible, with some speakers (if they feel that they have said enough) leaving the circle and other participants filling that seat to continue answering the questions. The initial round of speakers will need to be present in person at the meeting, and contributions can be made online for the second half of the session.

# 11.00 - 12.30

## Global Democracy and the UN

11th Floor Harding Room

[Click here for zoom link](#)

Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

TAP Network, Democracy Without Borders, C4UN, The  
Millennials Movement

The session continues a process of reflection and mobilization on civil society proposals aimed at improving citizens' participation and representation at the UN. It builds on the Global Futures Forum held in March 2023 in New York and online which resulted in the Interim People's Pact for the Future, in particular the forum's "UN and Global Governance innovation" track. Proposals from this track that will be highlighted are the establishment of a UN World Citizens' Initiative (UNWCI), a UN Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA), and a UN High-Level Civil Society Envoy (UNCSE). These three proposals were included in the Interim People's Pact.

The session in addition builds on the "We The Peoples" campaign for inclusive global governance launched in April 2021 that promotes these three proposals and which has been endorsed by +200 civil society networks, alliances and organizations. A UNPA and UNWCI have also been endorsed by the declarations previously endorsed by the Global People's Assembly and thus are of particular interest.

Given a global trend of rising authoritarianism, democratic backsliding and shrinking civic space, the session will also address the proposal of establishing a UN Special Rapporteur on Democracy (UNRod) in order to strengthen the UN's role in advancing democracy.

The session's purpose is to make participants think and interact on the question of how the four proposals relate to their own causes and work as activists and/or representatives of civil society organizations. The ideal and desired outcome is for them to integrate advocacy of the four proposals or those they find most relevant into their work and for them to identify ways of how they can take action in support of them.

- Introduction to the session's theme and proceedings (Rita Kakati Shah, Democracy Without Borders and UMA)
- Overview of proposals and context
- UN World Citizens' Initiative, UN Parliamentary Assembly, UN Special Rapporteur on Democracy (Nudhara Yusuf, Global Governance Innovation Network and Stimson Center)
- UN Civil Society Envoy (Mandeep Tiwana, CIVICUS)
- Context of the session: Global Futures Forum, the Summit of the Future & SDG 16 (Jeffery Huffines, C4UN)
- Interactive discussion: Q&A and activities to advance these and other proposals
- Conclusions and next steps

# Climate Financing

2nd Floor Plaza Room

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Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

HBS, Bread for the World, Greenpeace, Latindadd

- Welcome and Intro - Sabine Minninger, Bread for the World
- The Climate Crisis: a view from the ground - Yeb Saño, Greenpeace SouthEast Asia
- Financing climate justice -Tetet Lauron, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
- Debt and Bridgetown Initiative - Carola Mejia, Latindadd
- Loss and Damage and reparations - Liane Schalatek, Heinrich Boell Stiftung
- Make Polluters Pay - Tracy Carty, Greenpeace
- Followed by an interactive Q and A discussion

# Youth Assembly

10th Floor Conference Room

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Translation into French and Spanish

Organisers:

Major Group for Children and Youth

Assembly for yourh to share experiences and voice their demands for the 2030 Agenda.

**12.30 - 13.00**

**Lunch**



# 13.00 - 14.00

## Bringing the Declaration into the SDG Summit

2nd Floor Plaza Room  
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Translation into French and Spanish

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# 14.00 - 17.00

## Civil Society Networking Session

2nd Floor Plaza Room  
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Translation into French and Spanish

Civil society planning and networking -  
Plenary combined with break out session on the following topics:

- High Level Week 2023 and upcoming UN Summits and plans of civil society for this week and the coming years
- SDG Summit
- Climate Ambition and COP 28
- Health
- SOTF Ministerial Meeting and SOTF 2024
- FFD Meeting and FFD 4 Conference 2024
- World Social Summit
- Advocacy processes: P20, C20/7, WB/IMF Annual Meeting
- Mobilisation towards 2025, how to mobilise grassroots for the upcoming summits, World Social Forum

# 17.00 - 18.30

## Final Plenary

2nd Floor Plaza Room  
[Click here for zoom link](#)

### Translation into French and Spanish

An array of speakers, spanning from grassroots representatives to global civil society figures, will be on hand to provide concise summaries of the Global People's Assembly messages. During the session, the final declaration will be announced, and political decision-makers will be present to listen and offer responses. Additionally, there will be a variety of live performances as we get ready for the public action.

Featuring:

- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Agnes Callamard, Amnesty International
- Inger Ashing, Save the Children International
- [Performances from Create 2030 Artists](#)

# 18.30

## Public Action

Gather with us to make our voices heard in a public stunt close to the UN, with banners, slogans and speeches at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza.

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE GLOBAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY 2023

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